

## TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AUSTIN, TEXAS INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

**TO**: Regional Directors

Directors, Local Health Departments

Directors, Independent WIC Local Agencies Director, Office of Public Health Practice

**FROM**: Linda Brumble ( signed original on file)

Director Training and Technical Assistance Division

DATE: September 17, 2002

**SUBJECT**: Breastfeeding Training Revisions

We are revising the Intensive Course in Breastfeeding I and II to meet the needs of your staff and to keep the information current. The current course is divided into two three day sessions. It is difficult for the clinic to schedule staff for three days in a row. We are redesigning the class to be three two day courses. The courses will be phased in over 2003-2004.

Principals of Lactation Management will replace the Intensive Course in Breastfeeding Phase I. This class will begin in April of 2003. Lactation Counseling and Problem Solving will begin in October 2003 and will replace the current Intensive Course in Breastfeeding Phase II. The third course, Clinical Assessment of Lactation Research and Policies will begin in January of 2004. This is a new course that will benefit staff who are taking the IBCLC exam.

Staff must attend either Phase I and II or the Principals of Lactation Management and Lactation Counseling and Problem Solving to be eligible to attend the Clinical Assessment of Lactation Research and Policies.

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